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Applicant: Taro HASHIMOTO et al.  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document for insertion after the claim pages of the application (or to replace the previously submitted Abstract).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: